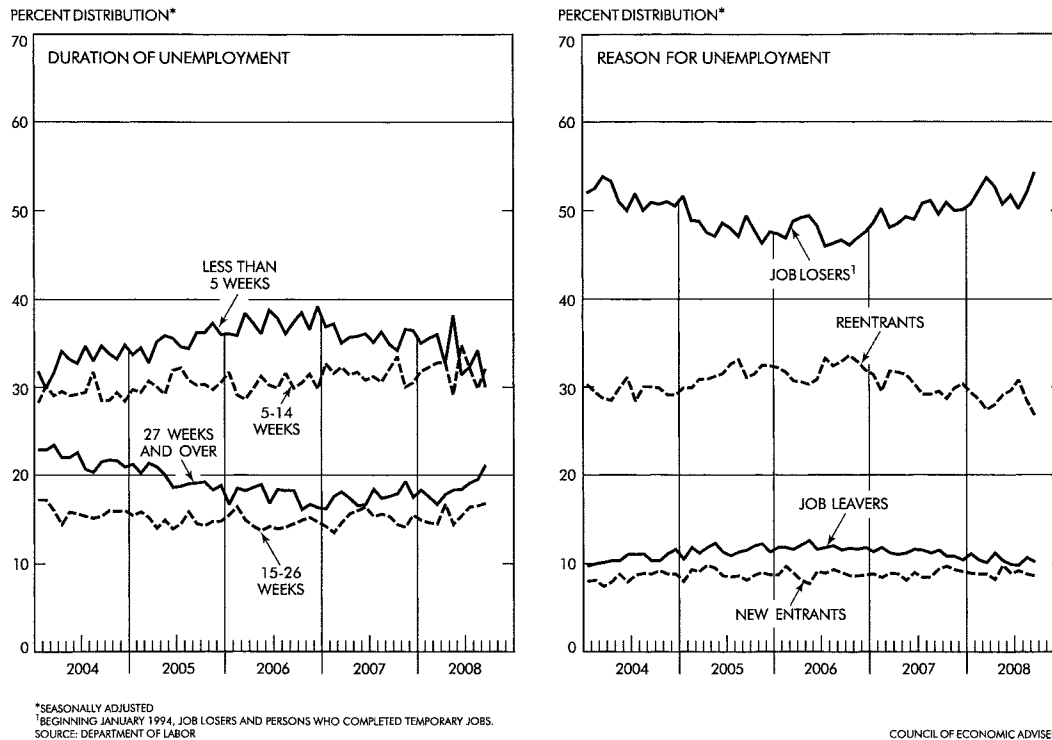


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In September, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for 5–14 weeks, for 15–26 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentage for less than 5 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 18.4 weeks and the median duration rose to 10.2 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thou- sands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over									
						Aver- age (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,706
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518
2007	7,078	35.9	31.5	15.0	17.6	16.8	8.5	49.7	11.2	30.3	8.9	2,571	324	2,609
2007: Sept	7,246	34.9	32.1	15.3	17.6	16.6	8.9	49.6	11.5	29.5	9.4	2,553	319	2,343
Oct	7,291	34.2	33.5	14.4	17.9	17.0	8.7	50.9	10.8	28.7	9.7	2,573	329	2,256
Nov	7,181	36.6	30.0	14.1	19.3	17.2	8.7	50.0	10.8	29.9	9.3	2,620	339	2,273
Dec	7,655	36.5	30.5	15.5	17.5	16.6	8.4	50.1	10.4	30.4	9.1	2,696	344	3,071
2008: Jan	7,576	35.0	31.8	14.9	18.3	17.5	8.8	50.7	11.1	29.4	8.9	2,718	337	3,270
Feb	7,381	35.6	32.3	14.6	17.5	16.8	8.4	52.2	10.4	28.6	8.8	2,776	346	3,256
Mar	7,815	36.0	32.8	14.5	16.7	16.2	8.1	53.7	10.1	27.4	8.8	2,910	374	3,553
Apr	7,626	32.7	32.8	16.7	17.8	16.9	9.3	52.7	11.2	28.0	8.2	3,012	365	3,037
May	8,487	38.2	29.1	14.4	18.3	16.6	8.3	50.7	10.3	29.1	9.8	3,096	369	2,667
June	8,499	31.4	34.8	15.4	18.4	17.5	10.0	51.7	9.9	29.6	8.9	3,126	389	3,108
July	8,784	32.3	32.2	16.4	19.1	17.1	9.7	50.2	9.8	30.8	9.2	3,233	406	3,102
Aug	9,376	34.2	29.8	16.5	19.5	17.4	9.2	51.9	10.7	28.5	8.8	3,429	440	3,191
Sept	9,477	30.0	32.1	16.8	21.1	18.4	10.2	54.3	10.2	26.8	8.6	474

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).